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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: Recent Communist Infiltration in Indochina

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Attached at Tab A is the CIA's weekly report (May 22) of Communist logistical and manpower infiltration in Indochina. The CIA reported that logistics infiltration continues at a heavy rate and that despite the detection of new combat groups starting south, the personnel infiltration system elsewhere appears to have closed down.

The report notes that the North Vietnamese are continuing their buildup of supplies in South Vietnam and Cambodia. Despite rains, heavy vehicle traffic was observed in southern Laos and the North Vietnamese panhandle and substantial amounts of cargo continue to be moved into northern MR-1. Within North Vietnam, southbound tank movements were detected in the panhandle and the delivery of weapons and ammunition continues into the Vinh and Dong Hoi areas. In Quang Tri Province, between May 3 and 9 almost 5,750 vehicles reportedly passed through two checkpoints and more than 600 buildings, mostly new and serving logistical functions, were detected in the Khe Sanh area.

Concerning manpower, the report notes that four new combat groups (2,300 men) destined for MR-1 started south during the past week, but does not mention two additional groups reported on May 23 and five other undetected gap-fill groups which we believe departed earlier. Despite this apparent step-up of personnel infiltration into MR-1, the CIA weekly noted that the infiltration season now appears at a close elsewhere. Also, one regiment of the 320B Division reportedly is in the process of a routine redeployment for refitting to North Vietnam.

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-- In combat violations in South Vietnam, the GVN reported a marked decrease in major Communist-initiated incidents (down to 48 from 82 last week), but the minor incidents changed little (489 versus 485 last week). In Laos, military activity remains low.

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